



# Telford Junior School

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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Christmas at Telford Junior

Thank you to the children and staff who worked on the wonderful Christmas displays, that provided a backdrop to our Christmas performances this year.



It was great to see so many parents, carers and grandparents at last week's Y4 production and this week's Christmas Songs. It has really added to this year's festivities in school.



## Letter from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to introduce myself as the Chair of Telford Junior School's Local Governing Board, a role to which I was appointed in September. I have been a governor for 4 years and have spent my career working in schools, first as a teacher, then for the County Council and now as a consultant and researcher.

The Board works with the Elm Tree Multi-Academy Trust Board to oversee the work of the school. The governors are a range of volunteers with three important roles. We help ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction; we hold leaders to account for the educational performance of the school; and we oversee its financial performance. We carry out this work by visiting the school and holding regular meetings with Mr Siviter and other staff. This term we have carried out visits to monitor the progress of the school's plans to improve English and Maths. We are pleased to report that developments in these areas are going very well.

Governors have a variety of skills and come from a range of backgrounds. This enables the board to have a broad perspective when considering issues facing the school. Several of the governors are parents and this helps us to know about any issues or concerns that parents might have. If you do want to make contact, please get in touch by emailing or phoning the school office.

As a natural process of transition to the new academy arrangements, some long-serving governors have stepped down. These include Sara Maslowski, who did a great job of leading the school through the change process, and Martin Davis, another former chair, who had served the school for many years. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank these colleagues for all that they have done.

A list of current governors may be found on the school website.

On behalf of all governors, I would like to wish all children, families and staff a very happy Christmas.

Best wishes,

Steve Pendleton



## Year Group Padlets

Year 3: [2024 - 2025 Year 3 Home Supported Learning \(padlet.com\)](#)

Year 4: [2024-25 Year 4 Home School Partnership \(padlet.com\)](#)

Year 5: [Year 5 Home School Partnership 2024 - 2025 \(padlet.com\)](#)

Year 6: [Year 6 Home School Partnership 2024-25 \(padlet.com\)](#)

## Term Dates

Start of the Spring Term 2025	Tuesday 7 January
School Book Fair	Monday 3 February – Thursday 6 February
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February
Team Telford Quiz Night	Friday 7 March (7.00 pm)
Year 6 Residential Visit	Sunday 16 March – Wednesday 19 March
Spring Term Learning Reviews	Wednesday 26 March (4.00 – 6.30 pm) Thursday 27 March (4.00 – 6.30 pm)
Year 4 Residential Visit	Wednesday 2 April – Friday 4 April
End of the Spring Term	Friday 11 April (3.20 pm)

## Visit from the Christmas Elf

Y3 Chestnut's Christmas Elf appeared in my office this morning, delighted that his class had achieved 'best lining up class in the Y3/4 playground'. He managed to get hold of Head Teacher Merit badges for everyone in the class!





## Christmas Lunch

Our catering team served over 300 Christmas lunches yesterday and the children really enjoyed the meal and the occasion. Thank you to Carol and her team for all their hard work, both yesterday and throughout the term.

## Merry Christmas

Looking back over the Autumn Term, I reflect on the enthusiasm the children have shown for their learning, encouraged by the enrichment activities that have helped bring their curriculum to life; the Year 6 visit to the Tower of London, Y3's Stone Age Day and their drama workshop at the RSC, Y4's robotics workshop and the planetarium coming into school for Y5. There has been a range of excellent Design & Technology projects undertaken this week, including the construction of bridges with moving parts in Y6 and skilled needlework demonstrated by the Y4 children, in making their pencil cases. All very exciting.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make our school community a great place to learn. I should like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Richard Siviter

